

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Twenty-five Years Ago column; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings.

American Medical Association, Cleveland, Ohio, June 11 to 15, 1934. Olin West, M. D., Secretary, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

California Medical Association, Riverside, April 30 to May 3, 1934. Emma W. Pope, M. D., Secretary, 2004 Four Fifty Sutter, San Francisco.

California-Nevada Section of American College of Surgeons, Los Angeles, March 12 and 13, 1934. Detailed announcements will appear in February issue.

Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, Boston, October, 15 to 19, 1934. Franklin H. Martin, M. D., Director General, 40 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Medical Broadcasts.*

American Medical Association Health Talks.—The American Medical Association broadcasts each Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 1:45 Eastern Standard Time (12:30, Central Standard Time), over Station WBBM (770 kilocycles, or 389.4 meters).

There is also a fifteen-minute talk, sponsored by the Association, on Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 10 o'clock, Central Standard Time, over Station WBBM.

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San Francisco County Medical Society.—The San Francisco County Medical Society broadcast program for the month of January is as follows:

Tuesday, January 2—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:35 p. m. Subject: The Care and Treatment of Crossed Eyes.

Tuesday, January 9—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:35 p. m. Subject: The Romance of Vaccination.

Tuesday, January 16—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:35 p. m. Subject: Some High Spots in Fifty Years of Medical Progress.

Tuesday, January 23—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:35 p. m. Subject: The Unseen World.

Tuesday, January 30—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:35 p. m. Subject: The International Control of Disease.

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Los Angeles County Medical Association.—The radio broadcast program for the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the month of January is as follows:

Tuesday, January 2—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Friday, January 5—KFAC, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Saturday, January 6—KFI, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Tuesday, January 9—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Friday, January 12—KFAC, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Saturday, January 13—KFI, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Tuesday, January 16—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Friday, January 19—KFAC, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged (giving station, day, date and hour, and subject) to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for inclusion in this column.

Saturday, January 20—KFI, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Tuesday, January 23—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Friday, January 26—KFAC, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Saturday, January 27—KFI, 9:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Tuesday, January 30—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Fifth Pan-American Medical Association Meeting a Floating Congress.—At a meeting of the officers and trustees of the Pan-American Medical Association, convened by Dr. John Oliver MacReynolds on December 6, 1933, in Dallas, Texas, it was resolved to hold the fifth congress of the association in the month of March at the city of Caracas, Venezuela.

The congress will be divided into two parts: the first part, a floating congress, sailing from New York on the United States liner *Pennsylvania*, with a capacity for six hundred passengers, and the second part, scientific and social meetings convened at Caracas, Venezuela. Papers will be presented and discussed both on board and in Venezuela. The official languages of the association are Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English. The cost of the entire trip will be \$195 up; and the time, from March 14 to March 30.

Itinerary of steamship *Pennsylvania* cruise:
Wednesday, March 14—Sail from New York at 12 noon.

Saturday, March 17—Arrive at Havana at 8 a. m. Leave Havana at 10 p. m.

Tuesday, March 20—Arrive at Colon at 7 a. m. Leave Colon at 8 p. m.

Wednesday, March 21—Arrive at Cartagena at 12 noon. Leave Cartagena at 5 p. m.

Friday, March 23—Arrive at La Guaira at 6 a. m., and train or motor to Caracas.

Saturday, March 24—Leave Caracas at 10 a. m., motor to Maracay and then to Puerto Cabello. Leave Puerto Cabello at 5 p. m.

Monday, March 26—Arrive at San Juan at 6 a. m. Leave San Juan at 5 p. m.

Friday, March 30—Arrive at New York at 7 a. m.

This congress affords an excellent opportunity to visit the Latin-American countries and to meet the leading medical men of the twenty-two countries making up the Western Hemisphere. One can well profit by hearing them speak before the various sections, which will all be well represented.

The congress is sponsored by the Venezuelan Government. The visiting doctors will be very hospitably treated and they will be afforded an opportunity of visiting the countries included in the cruise in a more intimate manner than is ordinarily accomplished. The chartering of the Atlantic liner steamship *Pennsylvania* has reduced the cost of the cruise to a very low price. The congress and cruise is open to members and families of the San Francisco and Los Angeles chapters of the Pan-American Medical Association, to the medical men of California in good standing, and to a limited number of sponsored lay friends. Any physician interested in attending this congress can receive additional information by communicating with Dr. Charles P. Mathé, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Fifty-Second Course of Popular Medical Lectures Given by Stanford University School of Medicine.—The Stanford University School of Medicine announces the fifty-second course of popular medical lectures



View of the new Acute Unit of the Los Angeles County General Hospital. See also editorial comment on page 58. (The maternity wards, on the eighth floor, were installed on December 12, 1933.)

(illustrated) to be given at Lane Hall on alternate Friday evenings at 8 p. m. sharp. The following program has been scheduled:

January 12—The Organization of Medical and Surgical Emergencies in San Francisco, Edmund Butler, M. D.

January 26—Medicine in Community Service, President Ray Lyman Wilbur.

February 9—Relation of Diet to Health, Agnes Fay Morgan, Ph. D.

February 23—Occupational Therapy, Mary C. Rixford, O. T. Reg.

March 9—The Role of Psychiatry in Preventive Medicine, George S. Johnson, M. D.

March 23—Some Contributions of Medical Science to Our Knowledge of Pain, Joseph C. Hinsey, Ph. D.

City Maternity Service at Los Angeles Transferred to County.—For several months there has been a considerable discussion in the Los Angeles County press regarding an out-patient maternity service, which for some years has been maintained as one of the activities of the Health Department of the City of Los Angeles. In these strenuous financial times the city of Los Angeles having felt itself unable to maintain this activity, has sought to have the county of Los Angeles assume the financial burden therefor. Pertinent thereto are the excerpts below from the daily press of December 21, 1933, detailing the final decision thereon:

"Maternity service for needy mothers, hitherto provided through the city health department, recently became a county charge.

"The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$1,700 to carry the extra case load at the General Hospital for the next sixty days, and announced arrangements were being made to provide prenatal and postnatal care for women eligible under county aid requirements.

"Actual hospital care at the time of delivery will be available to all indigent mothers, the requirements as to residence and other details being followed only in the case of treatment given outside the hospital.

"The headquarters at 225 North Main Street will be kept open until final arrangements are made to install a new system of handling the work.

"It is not planned that the present medical and nursing staff of the maternity service will be retained in county work, but additional doctors and nurses will probably be employed through the General Hospital to do the extra work given the hospital through the anticipated influx of maternity cases.

"Because the maternity wards in the new General Hospital unit are already nearly filled to capacity, it will be necessary to send overflow cases to contract hospitals where the county will pay the costs.

"The social service and welfare departments of the county organization will assist in checking on applicants and determining their need, it was announced.

"As a group, and individually, the County Supervisors declared that they were anxious to keep the maternity service functioning and that everything possible would be done to assure adequate aid for expectant mothers who need help."

Nineteen Thirty-Four Herzstein Lecturer Is Dr. Herbert M. Evans.—Dr. Herbert M. Evans, professor of anatomy in the University of California, will give the fourth course of the Morris Herzstein lectures.

The lectures, under the provisions of the will of the late Dr. Morris Herzstein of San Francisco, are held under the auspices of the two universities, and this year will be given at the San Francisco County Medical Society, 2180 Washington Street, January 29, 31, and February 2, at 8:15 p. m.

Doctor Evans, who is also Morris Herzstein professor of biology and director of the Institute of Experimental Biology in the University of California, will speak on "The Internal Secretions of the Anterior Lobe of the Pituitary Gland," illustrating his lectures with slides and charts. The lectures are open to the general public as well as to the medical profession, states Dean Porter, and practitioners, medical students, and the lay public are cordially invited to attend.

Under the terms of his will, Doctor Herzstein left a bequest of \$20,000 to the two universities for the purpose of presenting annual lectures by outstanding authorities in medical science from all parts of the world. The first series of Herzstein lectures were given by Dr. L. A. Orbelli, professor of physiology at the Medical Institute of Leningrad; the second, by Dr. Charles Singer, lecturer in the history of medicine, University of London; and the third series by Dr. Philip Anderson Saffer, professor of biological chemistry, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.

Radiological Cancer Conference.—The Section on Radiology, in joint meeting with the Los Angeles County Medical Association, is conducting a diagnostic conference at the Elks Club in Los Angeles on

Wednesday, January 24. The conference will begin at 2 p. m. and continue throughout the afternoon and evening, with a two-hour intermission at 5:30 p. m. for dinner, which will be served at the club.

The plan of procedure at this conference will be similar to the one conducted at the Del Monte meeting last spring. Each participant will present one or two case histories, paying special attention to the patient's complaint, physical findings, laboratory data, and x-ray films. As soon as this has been done, each member will write out an unsigned diagnosis. The discussion then continues with biopsy, operative, or autopsy findings, and the "straw vote diagnosis" is checked against the final diagnosis. One session will be devoted to the general aspects of radiological diagnostic procedures, while the other will be centered on the problems involved in abdominal conditions.

The meeting is open to all members of the profession.

The following men will present cases for discussion: Doctors Lowell S. Goin, Henry Snure, Kenneth Davis, Lyell C. Kinney, John W. Crossan, Ray Taylor, C. W. McClanahan, Milton Geymann, and Karl Bonoff.

California One of Great Centers for Tropical Medicine.—California, and particularly San Francisco, is looked upon as one of the three great centers for the study of tropical diseases in the United States, ranking with New York, and New Orleans.

This fact was learned recently in a communication from Dr. A. C. Reed, director of the University of California Institute of Tropical Medicine, who is en route from New York to San Francisco, after attending a number of medical meetings and visiting southern and eastern universities where tropical medicine is important.

In Richmond, Virginia, he attended the joint meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and the Southern Medical Association. He read two papers on amebiasis and its treatment, and one paper written by Doctors Anderson and Wagner of the University of California staff on a new approach to the treatment of leprosy. Doctor Reed was also reelected a councilor of the American Society of Tropical Medicine.

Following this meeting, November 15 to 18, 1933, Doctor Reed visited Columbia and Cornell universities, to inspect tropical medicine research, and then went to Chicago at the invitation of Dr. Herbert Bundesen, president of the board of health, to consult on an epidemic of amebic dysentery in that city.

San Francisco Heart Committee.—The Heart Committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society held its fourth annual postgraduate symposium on heart disease November 22 and 23, 1933, in half-day sessions at the San Francisco, Stanford University and University of California Hospitals, and at the Department of Public Health. The program was arranged by Doctors William Dock, Jacques Gray, William J. Kerr and J. Marion Read, assisted by the Committee on Education and Publicity, of which Dr. John P. Strickler is chairman. There was a total attendance of 665, and fifty-five cities of California were represented. The following subjects were discussed:

Physiologic and Anatomic Backgrounds in Arterial Tension. By J. Marion Read, M. D.

Essential Hypertension. By Carol McKenney, M. D.

Therapy of Arterial Hypertension. By Edwin L. Bruck, M. D.

X-Ray Demonstration of Calcified Heart Valves, and Diagnosis of Valvular Heart Disease by X-Ray. By L. Henry Garland, M. D.

Demonstration of Heart Preparations. By Leonard W. Buck, M. D., and Jesse L. Carr, M. D.

Presentation of Cases of Hypertension. By Raymond J. Reitzel, M. D.

Restoration and Normal Mechanism in Auricular Fibrillation. By Garnett Cheney, M. D.

Effort as a Precipitating Factor of Acute Coronary Occlusion. By William W. Newman, M. D.

Management of the Decompensated Cardiac. By Arthur Bloomfield, M. D.

Clinical Features of Heart-Block. By J. K. Lewis, M. D.

Circulatory Failure from Infections or Operations. By William Dock, M. D.

Clinic on Congenital Heart Disease. By Amos Christie, M. D.

Symptomatic Interrelations of Heart and Abdomen, with Demonstration of Patients. By Eugene S. Kilgore, M. D.

Clinic on Types of Murmurs and Their Significance, with Stethophone Demonstration. By William J. Kerr, M. D.

Problem of Heart Disease in the City and County of San Francisco. By J. C. Geiger, M. D.

Problems Relating to the Cardiac School Child. By John J. Sampson, M. D.

Notes on the Cardiac Morbidity Survey in San Francisco. By Jacques P. Gray, M. D.

Heart Disease a Public Health Problem. By Walter H. Brown, M. D.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Heart Committee was held November 23, 1933, at the San Francisco County Medical Society. The newly elected officers of the Heart Committee for 1934 are: Gordon E. Hein, chairman; John J. Sampson, vice-chairman; J. Marion Read, secretary.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Emile F. Holman discussed the present status of cardiac surgery. This was followed by a clinical pathological conference, conducted by Doctors Jesse L. Carr and David A. Wood.

Fair Dates Listed for Year 1934.—Dates of twenty-seven fairs and fiestas to be held in California during 1934 were set at the annual meeting of the Western Fairs Association in San Francisco.

The association elected Edward G. Follman of Stockton its new president; W. Coburn Cook of Turlock vice-president; and Charles W. Paine of Sacramento, secretary.

The 1934 fair and outing schedule, as given by the Los Angeles *Examiner*, follows:

Pasadena Rose Tournament, January 1; National Orange and Horse Show, San Bernardino, February 16-25; Imperial Midwinter Fair, Imperial, March 3-11; Santa Rosa Rose Show, May 14-19; Fiesta de Las Rosas, San Jose, May 28 to June 2; Visalia Rodeo, June 2-3; Livermore Rodeo, June 9-10; Sonoma Rodeo, June 3; San Leandro Cherry Festival, June 4-9; Russian River Fiesta, Healdsburg, June 20-22; World's Largest Outdoor Card Party, Ripon, July 21; California Rodeo and Salinas Big Week, July 27-29; Coronado National Horse Show, July 28 to August 4; Turlock Melon Festival, August 6-11; Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria, August 10-12; Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale, tentatively set for second week in August; San Mateo Horse show, August 11-18; San Joaquin County Fair, Stockton, August 20-26; San Leandro Dahlia Show, August 21-26; San Benito County Horse Show, Bolanda Park, August 24-26; Old Spanish Days Fiesta, Santa Barbara, August 23-25; California State Fair, Sacramento, September 1-10; Merced Roundup, September 15-16 (tentative); Tulare County Fair, September 18-22; Shasta County Fair, Anderson, September 20-22; Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, undecided; Pacific Slope Dairy Show, Oakland, November 5-11.

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject of following letter: A letter to California and Western Medicine from the American Red Cross.

To the Editor:—Thank you so much for the generous contribution of space which was given to the American Red Cross in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. In thus aiding us in extending a universal invitation to participate in Red Cross work through individual membership, you made a most substantial contribution to our membership roll call.

Please allow me to express to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, in behalf of our national officers and leaders of our 3,700 Red Cross chapters, sincere appreciation for your generous coöperation.

Cordially yours,

DOUGLAS GRIESEMER,
Director of Roll Call.